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TO : Director, DCS  
Attn : Allen Staff [ ]  
FROM : Chief. [ ] Office  
SUBJECT: Case 32254 -- Fred Z. Launaga

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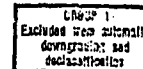
1. This memorandum is intended to inform Headquarters of the activities of Subject since the departure of [ ] from Longview, Washington, on 15 February 1967. As might be recalled, Subject's employment with the Weyerhaeuser Company at Longview was contingent upon his passing a satisfactory physical examination which had been accorded him on 15 February 1967. At the time of [ ] departure we were advised by the Personnel Office of the Weyerhaeuser Company that back X-rays had been taken and that a determination would not be made until late Friday afternoon, 17 February 1967.

2. On 17 February 1967 Subject and [ ], Portland Resident Agent, contacted the Personnel Office of the Weyerhaeuser Company, Longview plant. Dean Rizor, Personnel Manager, asked to see [ ] privately. Mr. Rizor then showed the results of the physical examination. The doctor's comment on his report was that Subject had not fully stripped for the physical examination and had refused to remove his shorts. He added that "this man is probably psychotic" and said that a very close scrutiny should be made of his previous employment before consideration could be given toward hiring him at Longview. In addition, the back X-rays showed several minor spinal spurs, but it is doubtful if these would be disqualifying. According to the Weyerhaeuser physical evaluation, Subject was placed in Category "C", which indicates that he is unemployable by that company.

3. Mr. Rizor said that a man of this category could not be hired by his company. He further said that should this man become involved in any accident, due to the stringent accident prevention activities of the Weyerhaeuser Company a team of investigators from the Tacoma headquarters of the Weyerhaeuser Company would investigate every aspect of his employment. In this event the doctor's report would undoubtedly be examined and his (Rizor's) office would be subject to severe criticism.

4. We assured Mr. Rizor that we were most appreciative of his offer of employment but that we certainly did not want him to

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make any exceptions. Mr. Rizor was most cooperative and again informed us that his company needs employees and should we have any qualified persons seeking work he would be most happy to engage them.

5. Since Subject had expressed a desire to visit Portland over the weekend, [ ] drove him to that city. Upon leaving the Weyerhaeuser Company's office Subject refused to talk and instead wrote out the attached note and handed it to [ ]. This note read: "It's useless to waste here words. Today I won't speak any more." From that time on for the balance of the day Launags said not a word.

6. Upon arriving in Portland [ ] accompanied Launags to the Park Haviland Hotel where a reservation had been made for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, 17-19 February 1967. The Park Haviland Hotel is a good downtown hotel wherein Agency employees have occasionally stayed while in the city. The rent for Launags' room was \$7 per night. Upon registering, Launags was asked by [ ] to indicate his address as Longview, Washington. Instead Launags wrote down a street address followed by Riga, Latvia.

7. On Monday, 20 February 1967, [ ] called the Park Haviland Hotel and was informed that Launags had checked out Sunday and moved to the Portland Hilton. Launags was informed that we could probably get him a job as a tree planter on the Oregon Coast at a rate of pay varying from \$2.25 to \$2.93 per hour. He indicated that he would at least look into this work, whereupon we checked him out of the Hilton. His overnight stay ran to \$24.80 and when [ ] paid but \$7 on it Launags glowered and said that he didn't like his other room because the television didn't work. We told him that we were not going to pay any more than the rate at the Park Haviland and that he would have to make up the balance, which he very gloweringly did. //

8. [ ] then drove Launags to Longview where he was checked out of the Monticello Hotel and obtained the balance of his luggage. Launags was then driven to Tillamook, Oregon, which is about 75 miles west of Portland on the Oregon Coast. [ ] at that city contacted Vernon Hawkins who had run the tree-planting ad and asked about Launags being employed by Hawkins. Hawkins informed us that he does contract planting for the large forestry organizations, such as Publishers Paper Company, Crown-Zellerbach, and the US Forest Service. The rate of pay, as mentioned above,

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varies according to the contract Hawkins has at the time. He said that he has contracts on hand which will offer employment through June and that the slack season then sets in because of the fire hazard. Hawkins also mentioned that his work in the Tillamook area is about concluded and that he plans to take his crew in two crew trucks to Myrtle Point, Oregon, which is southeast of Coos Bay, on 22 February 1967 where they will be for about a month.

9. Hawkins said that he obtains cheap lodging for his crew at hotels or motels and that he contracts with a restaurant for good meals at low prices. Both lodging and subsistence are then deducted from the employee's wages. Work is in the woods and consists of planting two-year-old fir and hemlock trees for reforestation. Except in cases of extremely adverse weather, such as snow or high winds, the work is conducted on a six-day week basis with overtime being offered for time over forty hours.

10. It was explained to Hawkins that Subject had expressed a desire to work in the woods but that he was "slightly nuts." To this Hawkins replied that "more or less we all get that way doing this kind of work anyway" and that he would be happy to employ Launags. Launags was then advised by [ ] of the opportunity and after determining what his wages would amount to he said that he would accept the "position." However, he would demand that he have two Saturdays off a month so that he could come to Portland for a sauna bath and massage.

11. Launags was then introduced to Hawkins and after talking briefly with him said that he would accept the position. Hawkins then asked Launags to report in the lobby of the Tillamook Hotel at 6:30 AM on 21 February 1967. Launags was assisted in obtaining a room at the Tillamook Hotel by Hawkins.

12. Because of the weather conditions indicated, [ ] assisted Launags in finding a store where he could purchase wet weather gear such as boots, rain slicker, rain pants and headgear. [ ] and Launags then had dinner at a restaurant next to a motel at Tillamook, and during the course of his dinner Launags said that he thought he would get a room at the motel for the night instead of staying at the hotel. Leaving, he came back several minutes later and said that he had obtained such a room. [ ] was with Launags until nearly 10:00 PM on 20 February and left him with a request that Launags appear dressed for work at the Tillamook Hotel the following morning at 6:30.

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Launags' departure was probably true to form. He gave [ ] what would be best described as a very fixed stare, turned on his heel and walked off in the dark without a word.

13. The next morning Mrs. Coggins, Manager of the Tillamook Hotel, called the Portland Resident Agency and informed Mrs. Stuart, Secretary, [ ] stayed overnight in Tillamook and had not yet returned to Portland) that she had been requested by Mr. Hawkins to call and advise us that Launags had not shown up for work that morning. Upon [ ] return to Portland in the early afternoon he contacted Mrs. Coggins who verified the above information and said that there had been no sign of Launags that day. [ ] then called the motel at Tillamook where Launags said he would stay and found him in his room. When asked as to why he did not appear for work, Launags said that he had told Mr. Hawkins that he would not come until the next morning. We did not hear such a conversation and when Launags was pressed as to when he had talked to Mr. Hawkins about this Launags said that "you weren't there." Launags was again urged to get in touch with Mr. Hawkins that night, explain his absence, and make arrangements to see Hawkins on the following morning, 22 February 1967. He then abruptly hung up.

14. As of the time of writing this memorandum on 23 February 1967 we have had no further word as to Launags' activities. For the record it might be mentioned that Mr. Hawkins was given [ ] office and home telephone numbers and was requested to call us should Subject take off on his own. It might also be mentioned that during our conversations Launags said that he would like to go to Honolulu as he had a friend there and that he also had a friend in Australia whom he would like to visit. He inquired at this time as to the cost of a one-way trip to Honolulu, which incidentally is \$110 from the Pacific Northwest.

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